



### Newsletter of the Cycle Club Bexley

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### Membership Renewal Due Now - £15.00 (£16 On Website) £10.00 Social only (£11.00 on Website)

Yes folks, it's that time again. The membership fee remains as 2025.

You can renew through the website, in cash, direct to Richard Boxall, or by online transfer. Richard can help with any questions: [richard.boxall@sky.com](mailto:richard.boxall@sky.com)

Should you choose not to renew, your membership will lapse at **1<sup>st</sup> April** and you will be deemed to have resigned from the club.

### Club Annual Dinner and Prizegiving

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Pedham Place Golf Centre

London Road, Swanley BR8 8PP

Tickets are just **£35.00 (£36.50 on website)**

and available now to book through Debbie Boxall  
[debbie.boxall@sky.com](mailto:debbie.boxall@sky.com)

Wear your best dress, suit or tuxedo, this is a most enjoyable evening.

### Changes coming

After the committee meeting in January this year and the recent AGM, I have taken the decision to stand-down as chairman in January 2027 giving the committee a year to find another chairman to take the position on, I have enjoyed my time in the chair and have brought some ideas to life including the club kit design change, the way in which we run our committee meeting, the club flags and banners and finally the outreach program promoting the reliability all of which I hope will continue under the new chairman in 2027, thanks go to the committee that have supported me over the past few years, it's time for Someone else to take the lead. I'll still be on the committee for the time being in my role as Clothing Secretary.

### Talking of the club...

Something I didn't realise until last year was that far from our membership numbers dwindling, they have stayed around 50-60 for decades, and for a club that's 60 years old this year outliving many other clubs in the area that's an achievement to be proud of. We still have active members competing in time trials, mountain bike events, triathlons and various other reliabilities across the country, we have a healthy social side to the club and put on the annual dinner, BBQ and Christmas party along with the famous tea-bar at our open 10 and reliability. We even have some keen runners and would you believe a group of CCB'ers that in cars and motorcycles are taking their 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the western front this year to explore the battlefields of the 1<sup>st</sup> World war!



A trip to Ypres, 6 on bikes 4 in the car.... Cycling tour anyone?

I'm sure you will agree this is not the image of a club that's in decline, however (isn't there always a "but"?), the above takes organisation and time, the change over the years has not been the total number of people in the club but the number of people who are happy to volunteer and help organise these events and activities.

The whole club is hugely grateful to those that have and continue to take time out to help with various tasks small and some larger. We could always do with some more help, so if you are feeling the club spirit, if the club has helped you become fitter, happier and generally made a positive difference to you, maybe you might want to help? This doesn't mean you have to join the Committee or commit to hours of unpaid work; simple things are very welcome like marshalling at the TT, sending a few emails or helping at the Tea Bar. Please talk to a committee member if you would like to put your hand up?

### **Xmas Social and Buffet**

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings from everyone at CC Bexley to all our members.

Wednesday 10th December saw our Christmas Buffet, and it was wonderful to see so many people dressed in the festive spirit. As ever, the food was outstanding and perfectly complemented by club-priced drinks.

A big thank you to Debbie Boxall for her excellent organisation and to Bexley Park Sports and Social Club for always making us feel so warmly welcome.

### **CC Bexley Reliability Trial**

We had 49 entries. 38 Finished within their selected time. No nonstarters. West Kent R C 16 points, Seeds 14 points, CC Bexley 7 points, Woolwich CC 4 points. The event raised £326.22. Donation to Ellenor and Demelza will be £165 each.



Before the start, Roger and Binz sporting the club kit

The tea bar raised a large amount of that thanks to those that donated cakes, and thanks to Debbie, Fay and Angela who ran the tea bar. Thanks to Marc, Paul, Binz for marshalling and Ken, Bob and Mark who helped in the hall.

### **Kevin steps up**

Some of you may know that one of our cycling members Kevin Aylott is not only becoming very keen on the cycling side but also volunteered his time and energy to become our latest committee member at the recent AGM. Kevin has been hampered with his ability to get out in 2024/2025 but now blasted onto the winter roads with vigour! We look forward to welcoming your energy and new ideas to the committee.

### **Announcement – lifetime members**

As many of you know Richard looks after our club finances, organises the TT events and the reliability among countless other tasks, we are also lucky to have Debbie organising and overseeing our Social events, they have both given so much time to the club over many years it's only fitting they were awarded lifetime membership of CC Bexley at the recent AGM. Congratulations and our thanks to you both!!



Our newest Lifetime Members Richard and Debbie Boxall

### **The GPX-Files**

Some of you may already use GPX files as a downloadable route to use with compatible GPS units on your bike or on your watch. It's becoming pretty much the standard for weekly cycling clubs and more established events, not to be out-done one of our members Michael (Binz) Spicer is very what I call "Mappy" and knows his way around an ordinance survey map and the like with precision and a raft of experience from his days co-driving in a rally car alongside Murray. Michael is as we speak mapping a number of the social rides we follow on our Sunday outings including the coffee stops, so if new club members want to follow and meet up with us or try them on their own, they can, in addition we have some riders wanting to go a little faster so this allows everyone to at least meet up at the café following the same route.

Finally, there will be GPX files to download not only for the Sunday social rides but for the reliability both short and long routes. The files will be available in March on our website with the help of Paul Blaker our webmaster and the supporting team of Kevin and Roger

# Dates to remember

## 10 Mile Time Trial Championship

30<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – First rider away at 15:00

Course: Q10/24 - Grain (CCB Open 10)

Event HQ is:

Stoke Village Hall, Mallard Way, Lower Stoke, ME3 9ST

Entries via [Cycling Time Trials](#)

## 25 Mile Time Trial Championship

21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Course: Q25/10 – St. Nicholas at Wade

Entries via [Cycling Time Trials](#)

## 50 Mile Time Trial Championship

5<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Course Q50/11 – Ham Street

Entries via [Cycling Time Trials](#)

## 100 Mile Time Trial Championship

Any 100 promoted on behalf of the CTT

## 12 Hour Time Trial Championship

Any 12 Hour promoted on behalf of the CTT

## Evening 9 Time Trials

The evening 9s get under way from 30<sup>th</sup> April

## Hill Climb Championship

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Course: QHC/5 Stansted

## Triathlon Championship

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – First athlete away at 07:00

Event HQ is:

Blackshots Leisure Centre, Blackshots Lane, Grays,  
Essex RM16 2JU

## Mountain Bike Championship

Date TBC

We also have the following weekly meetups, just come along and join in:

## Club rides every Sunday

09:00 at the post box in Farningham

## Social meet up every Monday

20:30 at the Malt Shovell, Eynesford

## Social meet up every Wednesday

09:30 at Spadeworks, Offham

# 2026

## Committee members

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